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1. SUMMARY: PROPOSED AGENDA FOR WASHINGTON STEERING
GROUP/EMBASSY STEERING COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS
WITH GOM IS TRANSMITTED BELOW ALONG WITH SUGGESTED
TIMING FOR THE CONVERSATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTED AGENDA IS BASED ON REFTELS
(A) AND (B), PLUS MEXICO STEERING COMMITTEE'S DISCUSSIONS
WITH GERTZ AND SOLIS, PLUS THE LATTER'S OWN EXTENSIVE
PAPER LISTING TOPICS AND RELATED GOM COMMENTS AND
REQUESTS. THIS DOCUMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR WASHINGTON
VISITORS' REVIEW PRIOR TO CONVERSATIONS WITH MEXICAN
SIDE. NAU POUCHING MAY 3 FORD'S PAPER ON AVIATION
TOPICS AND LEE'S TELECOMMUNICATIONS PAPER (SEE
SEPTTEL FOR POUCH REGISTRATION NUMBER). STEERING
COMMITTEE WILL MEET WITH GERTZ ON MAY 4 TO GO OVER
THIS AGENDA; WE SHALL REPORT ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES.
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3. BEGIN AGENDA: PROPOSED AGENDA FOR USG/GOM
DISCUSSIONS ON THE MEXICAN NARCOTICS PROGRAM:

I. ERADICATION

- A. ORGANIZATION AND COORDINATION OF NEXT CAMPAIGN.
- B. GOM/AG POLICY ON USE OF HERBICIDES.
- C. GOM/AG PLANS FOR USE OF THE MILITARY FORCES.
- D. AG PLAN FOR START-UP OF PHASE II OF CAMPAIGN
(SEPT. 1976).
- E. PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS FOR CAMPAIGN.
 - 1. EVERGREEN PILOT/INSTRUCTORS (EHI).
 - 2. EQUIPMENT SUPPORT TECHNICIANS (EHI).
 - 3. RW MECHANICS (BHC).
- F. REMOTE SENSING SYSTEM.
 - 1. MULTISPECTRAL OPIUM POPPY SENSING
SYSTEM (MOPSS).
 - 2. MULTISPECTRAL ELECTRONIC DIGITAL
SCANNING SYSTEM (MEDSS).
- G. COUNTERMEASURES AGAINST ERADICATION OPERATIONS.

II. INTERDICTION

- A. MARIHUANA AND HEROIN DETECTING DOGS.
- B. CLANDESTINE AIR FIELD DENIAL AND AIR
INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM.
- C. MOBILE AND STATIONARY ROADBLOCKS.
- D. INTELLIGENCE EXCHANGE.

III. AERO SERVICES

- A. OPERATIONS
 - 1. CONCEPT FOR SUPPORT OF CAMPAIGN
 - 2. AIR FLEET STATUS
 - 3. PILOT PROFICIENCY AND TRAINING.
- B. MAINTENANCE
 - 1. AG OFFICE POLICY FOR FUTURE MAINTENANCE.
 - 2. BELL HELICOPTER COMPANY (BHC) CONTRACT.
 - 3. MECHANICS PROFICIENCY.

IV. TELECOMMUNICATIONS

- A. ORGANIZATION
- B. PERSONNEL

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V. MATERIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- A. REMOTE SENSING
- B. COMPUTER
- C. AIRCRAFT
- D. SPRAY EQUIPMENT
- E. PERSONAL SAFETY AND SECURITY EQUIPMENT
- F. OTHER.

VI. FUNDING

- A. SALARY DIFFERENTIAL COSTS.
- B. OTHER TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.
 - 1. MFJP ACADEMY
 - 2. EXECUTIVE LEVEL VISITS TO U.S.

END AGENDA.

4. WASHINGTON WILL NOTE WE HAVE OMITTED DISCUSSION OF TWIN COMMISSIONS, AS SUGGESTED IN REF (B). WE FEEL RECENT REPORTING OF ATTORNEY GENERAL'S COMMENTS ON TWIN COMMISSIONS (REF C), PLUS OUR INFORMING GOM OF PRESIDENT FORD'S RELEVANT MESSAGE TO CONGRESS, HAVE COVERED THAT TOPIC FOR THE MOMENT.

5. WE OF COURSE WELCOME PROPOSED VISIT OF WASHINGTON STEERING GROUP DURING WEEK OF MAY 10 TO 14. SUBJECT TO VISITORS' APPROVAL, WE SUGGEST AN IN-HOUSE MEETING WITH EMBASSY/DEA EVENING OF MAY 10; THEN ON MAY 11 WE CAN MEET TO DISCUSS THE ERADICATION AND INTERDICTION PROGRAMS; AGENDA ITEMS III THROUGH VI (AEROSERVICES, TELECOMMUNICATIONS, MATERIAL ASSISTANCE AND FUNDING) COULD THEN BE TAKEN UP ON MAY 12 AND IF NECESSARY MAY 13. APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON THESE SUGGESTIONS.

6. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT INCLUDED THIS TOPIC, WE BELIEVE WASHINGTON SHOULD BE PREPARED TO ADDRESS QUESTION OF OPIUM VS MARIHUANA PRIORITIES, IN THE EVENT MEXICAN SIDE SHOULD RAISE IT. INTERNAL U.S. ATTITUDE TOWARD MARIHUANA IS MORE LIKELY TO BE SENSITIVE AREA THAN IS RELATIVE U.S.G. INTEREST IN GOM MARIHUANA CAMPAIGN,
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ALTHOUGH BOTH ASPECTS OF PROBLEM SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.

7. WE WELCOME WASHINGTON'S COMMENTS ON THE ABOVE AGENDA.
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